


Commonwealth of Massachusetts
**DEPARTMENT OF HOUSING &
COMMUNITY DEVELOPMENT**

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MEMORANDUM

TO: All Local Housing Agencies (LHAs) with an Alternative Housing Voucher Program (AHVP) Allocation

FROM: Carole E. Collins,  Director, Bureau of Housing Management

SUBJECT: Possible Re-Issuance of AHVP Vouchers in Fiscal Year 2005

DATE: January 11, 2005

As you know, due to significant reductions in the AHVP budget for Fiscal Year 2003 DHCD implemented the following cost saving policy initiatives in the spring of 2002:

1. An immediate suspension of AHVP Voucher issuance.
2. A decrease in the AHVP Ceiling Rents to the November 1, 2000 level, *effective as of June 1, 2002.*
3. A no rent increase policy *effective June 1, 2002 for all rents*, with the *exception* of those rents that were \$100 or more below the November 1, 2000 Ceiling Rent. Contract Rents for such units could, at recertification, increase to no more than the November 1, 2000 Ceiling Rent level.

These policies remain in effect today. Through your LHA's effective and continued implementation of these measures, as well as the successful statewide transition of more than 275 AHVP Participants to the Section 8 program, DHCD has seen a significant reduction in AHVP costs.

DHCD is now considering lifting the current moratorium on the issuance of AHVP Vouchers. In the event that this possibility becomes a reality DHCD is canvassing each issuing LHA to determine your need for/interest in retaining your current AHVP allocation.

The attached "FY05 Possible Re-Issuance Query" indicates the most recent (April 2001) AHVP allocation for each issuing Housing Authority. It also shows the number of each Authority's Vouchers currently reported leased somewhere in the Commonwealth, as well as the number available for re-issuance. Based upon this information (which could change – Vouchers leased, Vouchers available - as we update our records), DHCD is looking for the following information from each AHVP Voucher issuing Housing Authority:

Name of LHA: _____

Please be advised that the following information is only for possible DHCD planning purposes. There is no guarantee that we will be able to lift the current freeze on Voucher issuance and/or do so in accordance with everyone's needs/wishes.

1. Does your LHA continue to have a need for an allocation of AHVP Vouchers? Yes No

Comments: _____

2. Is your LHA interested in retaining an allocation of AHVP Vouchers? Yes No

Comments: _____

3. If so, is your LHA interested in maintaining its current allocation as noted above? Yes No

Comments: _____

4. Or, is your LHA interested in an allocation of some other number of Vouchers? Yes No

Comments: _____

5. If so, what number of AHVP Vouchers does your LHA need/is your LHA interested in for its possible FY 05 allocation? _____

Comments: _____

Please return your completed form to Ann Cwartkowski at fax phone number (617)-573-1340 no later than Friday, January 28, 2005.

Thank you for your anticipated attention to this matter.

If you have any questions, please contact Ann at (617)-573-1222.

LHA Name	Most Recent Allocation	Vouchers Leased	Vouchers Available
Acton Housing Authority	28	6	22
Amesbury Housing Authority	7	2	5
Amherst Housing Authority	38	7	31
Andover Housing Authority	6	2	4
Barnstable Housing Authority	29	7	22
Belmont Housing Authority	13	1	12
Brockton Housing Authority	160	26	134
Brookline Housing Authority	12	1	11
Cambridge Housing Authority	77	51	26
Charlton Housing Authority	6	3	3
Chelsea Housing Authority	18	3	15
Dedham Housing Authority	15	1	14
Fall River Housing Authority	69	20	49
Fitchburg Housing Authority	12	4	8
Foxboro Housing Authority	10	6	4
Hudson Housing Authority	40	13	27
Ipswich Housing Authority	28	9	19
Lynn Housing Authority	30	3	27
Marlboro Community	20	3	17
Melrose Housing Authority	22	4	18
New Bedford Housing Authority	13	4	9
Newburyport Housing Authority	11	9	2
North Andover Housing Authority	4	1	3
Northampton Housing Authority	10	2	8
Orleans Housing Authority	6	2	4
Pepperell Housing Authority	4	1	3
Provincetown Housing Authority	13	6	7
Revere Housing Authority	100	40	60
Sandwich Housing Authority	10	1	9
Seekonk Housing Authority	3	2	1
Sharon Housing Authority	5	2	3
Spencer Housing Authority	25	13	12
Watertown Housing Authority	13	3	10
Whitman Housing Authority	9	2	7
Worcester Housing Authority	53	10	43